
VUS 10-Domestic events of the
1920's and 1930's

The Jazz Age and the
Depression

The Jazz Age

- The 1920s were a time of rapid social change in which many people – particularly women – adopted new lifestyles and attitudes
 - Traditional values were challenged by various events and mass media-***radio, movies, newspapers, and magazines.***
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WOMEN IN THE 1920' S

- By 1930 29% of the workforce was women.
 - Flappers were young women who wore short dresses, smoked, danced, and drank in public.
 - 19th Amendment-gave women right to vote
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MASS Media-Newspapers and Magazines

- ****Magazines and newspapers created a common culture.**
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Mass Media-RADIO BROADCASTS

- **The radio audience and the African American migration to the cities made jazz popular.**
 - **1929 – 60% of radio air time was playing jazz.**
 - **LOUIS ARMSTRONG, DUKE ELLINGTON**
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Mass Media-1920' S WRITERS

- **F.SCOTT FITZGERALD**-BOOKS
SYMBOLIZED CAREFREE 1920' S
 - ***HARLEM RENAISSANCE-***
 - **ZORA NEALE HURSTON**- WRITER AND
POET-SOUTHERN BLACKS AND
LANGSTON HUGHES-POET
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1920' s Facts you need to know

- 1920: First time in American history that there were more people living in cities than on farms-farming was becoming unproductive
 - Realization that education was important.
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MIDDLE CLASS

- PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO BUY THINGS ON CREDIT
 - PEOPLE BOUGHT CARS AND HOUSES
 - WOMEN BOUGHT NEW APPLIANCES FOR HOUSES-*WASHING MACHINES, REFRIGERATORS*
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THE CHALLENGES

PROHIBITION-1920-1933

- STARTED WITH **18TH AMENDMENT**-illegal to sell or drink alcohol
 - BOOTLEGGERS AND **ORGANIZED CRIME** FLOURISHED
 - SPEAKEASIES WERE EVERYWHERE-SERVING ILLEGAL ALCOHOL.
 - ENDED WITH THE **21ST AMENDMENT** WHICH REPEALED THE 18TH
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EVOLUTION AND THE SCOPES “MONKEY” TRIAL

- **Fundamentalists in Tennessee passed a law saying that evolutionary theory could not be taught in schools.**
 - 1925, high school biology teacher, John Scopes taught his students about Charles Darwin and was arrested
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EVOLUTION AND THE SCOPES “MONKEY” TRIAL

- **Drama between two of the best lawyers in the nation**

- **Clarence Darrow**

- **William Jennings Bryan**

- **Darrow lost the case but won the point with the public.**

RISE OF THE KKK-AGAIN!

- 1924 4 million members
 - Most Klan memberships came from Indiana
 - **Prejudice against non-whites, non-Christian, non-Protestants, Jews, immigrants, etc.**
 - **Many in the North joined the Ku Klux Klan.**
 - **Lynchings happened in the North.**
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THE GREAT DEPRESSION

The Good Times were over!

CAUSES STOCK MARKET CRASH BOODE

- **B-BANKRUPTICIES**
 - **O-OUT OF MONEY-BANK RUNS**
 - **O-OVERSPECULATION IN STOCK MARKET**
 - **D-DEPOSITS IN THE MARKET**
 - **E-EXCESSIVE CREDIT**
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Consequences (Effects) of the Stock Market Crash of 1929

- **BANKS HAD NO MONEY**
 - **NO INVESTMENT**
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CAUSES OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION 1929-1941 (HOOVER PRESIDENT)-HOFS

- HIGH TARIFFS-HAWLEY-SMOOT TARIFF
 - OVERPRODUCTION OF GOODS
 - FEDERAL RESERVE FAILED TO STOP
COLLAPSE OF THE NATION'S BANKING
SYSTEM LEADING TO SEVERE
SHORTAGE OF MONEY IN CIRCULATION
 - STOCK MARKET CRASH-1929-COLLAPSE
STOCK PRICES-OVERSPECULATION
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IMPACT of the Great Depression (CUFUD)

- **Collapse of financial system**
- **Unemployment /Homelessness**
 - Rises to 25% within 4 years
- **Farm foreclosures and migration**
- **Union Unrest**
- **Decline in the demand for goods**

FARMER' S PROBLEMS

- LOST FARMS
 - ***THE DUST BOWL***
 - BECAME MIGRANT WORKERS
(CALIFORNIA)
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FDR' S APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC

- 1932- Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) elected President promising to end the Depression.
 - *“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself”*
 - **“FIRESIDE CHATS” TO REASSURE PUBLIC**
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DEPRESSION AND ENTERTAINMENT

- **The public wanted escapist movie entertainment-for example musicals, gangster, comedies**
 - ***The Wizard of OZ, Gone With the Wind, Marx Brothers***
 - **RADIO programs-mysteries, westerns**
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New Deal-Government programs to help the U.S survive the Depression

- 3 Goals of New Deal-3R's

- Relief for the needy

- Economic Recovery

- Financial Reform

NEW DEAL' S EFFECTS

- **CHANGED THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT INTO A MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN SOLVING PROBLEMS**
 - ****THE LEGACY OF THE NEW DEAL:**
THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT:
 - **1) TO *DELIVER PUBLIC SERVICES,***
 - **2) *TO INTERVENE IN THE ECONOMY***
 - **3) *TO PROMOTE GENERAL WELFARE.***
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NEW DEAL Programs

- **Bank and Finance Reform**

- Established the**

- **FDIC(Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation)-insures peoples money in banks up to a certain amount**

- **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)-oversees the stock market**

NEW DEAL PROGRAMS

■ **Relief** for workers

- *Works Progress Administration*
(WPA)-direct payment for immediate help Ex. Built roads, schools
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NEW DEAL PROGRAMS

■ **Recovery** for workers

- ***Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA)-***
Made farmers reduce production of
foods to drive the price up

NEW DEAL Programs (continued)

❑ **Social Security Act- safeguards for workers**

- 1) Old age pensions for retirees 65 and older**
 - 2) Unemployment compensation**
 - 3) Aid to families with dependent children and the disabled**
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DEPRESSION ENDS

- Great Depression is ended by the demand for goods caused by ***World War II.***
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